

## **BOROUGH OF TOTOWA**

### **MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**October 11, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John Coiro, presiding, Council President Lou D'Angelo, Councilwoman Debra Andriani, Councilman Anthony Picarelli, Councilman William Bucher, Councilman John Capo, Councilman Patrick Fierro, Municipal Clerk Joseph Wassel and Municipal Attorney Kristin Corrado.

**ABSENT:** None.

Mayor John Coiro called the meeting to order and asked the Municipal Clerk to call the roll.

Municipal Clerk Wassel recited the Prayer of the Meeting followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with the public participating.

Mayor Coiro asked the Clerk to read the statement of the meeting.

Municipal Clerk Wassel read the following statement: This meeting of the Mayor and Council held on this day is being held in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 of the State of New Jersey as amended. The agenda for this meeting has been prepared and distributed to the Mayor and Council and a copy has been on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Coiro asked if any members of the Council, the Municipal Clerk or the Municipal Attorney wished to address the Council.

There were no reports.

**CITIZENS HEARD:**

There were no citizens who wished to be heard.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani to approve the Minutes of the Mayor and Council for the meeting of September 27, 2022. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative. Councilman Capo abstained from the voting.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve Resolution No. 2022-21 for the payment of bills. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to approve payment of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Budget Allotment to the Borough of Totowa Public Library in the amount of \$235,144. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, there was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to appoint Christina Fattal as Court Administrator. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT

I, Mayor John Coiro, with the advice and consent of the Council  
do hereby appoint Christina Fattal as Court Administrator  
effective November 7, 2022 for a term expiring on December 31, 2022.

There was a motion by Councilman Picarelli, seconded by Councilman D'Angelo to confirm the appointment. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to authorize the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney to prepare the bid package and advertise for the receipt of bids for a new 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe LT SUV 4WD for the Police Department. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing The Intent To Purchase A New Pumper Fire Truck From The Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION NO. 119-2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTENT TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FROM THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa Fire Chief has recommended the purchase of a new Fire Truck for the protection of life and property of the residents of the Borough of Totowa; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the Fire Chief has recommended the purchase of one (1) new Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper Fire Truck from the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 113021-OKC has been awarded to Fire & Safety Services, Ltd., 200 Ryan Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 for the purchase of Pumper Trucks and all related equipment; and

WHEREAS, Fire & Safety Services, Ltd. has submitted a proposal dated September 23, 2022 for the purchase and delivery of one (1) new Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper Fire Truck in the amount of \$810,824.37, a copy of which is one file in the office of the Borough of Totowa Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the proposal provides that if a Purchase Order is received by Fire & Safety Services, Ltd. by October 28, 2022, the purchase price will be discounted in the amount of \$49,886.17 lowering the purchase price to \$760,938.20; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Totowa's Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds are available for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable New Jersey State laws, the purchase of this fire apparatus may be authorized without public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa desire to authorize the intent to purchase one (1) new Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper Fire Truck.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the intent of the Borough of Totowa to purchase one (1) new Pierce Custom Chassis Pumper Fire Truck from Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program for a total cost of \$760,938.20.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this purchase will be authorized in accordance with the unit pricing Terms and conditions set forth in Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract No. 113021-OKC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Municipal Council of the Borough of Totowa do hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk and Fire Chief to execute any and all instruments relating thereto.

There was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilman Capo to approve the fireman's application, the purchase of fireman's equipment and authorize a fireman's physical for Matthew M. Haddad for Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:

Upon the recommendation of DPW Superintendent Jim Niland, there was a motion by Councilman Bucher, seconded by Councilman Fierro to approve a grade increase for DPW Laborer Michael Ardis from Grade 3 to Grade 2. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENGINEERING & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LIAISON & INSPECTION:

There was no report.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION & ORDINANCES:

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND THE APPOINTEES OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to introduce on first reading and advertise for public hearing the following entitled ordinance. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TOTOWA CHAPTER 75 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", ARTICLE V, "APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL", SECTION 9, "QUALIFICATIONS"**

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2280 for the Borough of Totowa Public Library Foundation for a Calendar Raffle to be held January, February & March, 2023. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There was a motion by Councilman Fierro, seconded by Councilman Picarelli to approve Raffle License Application No. 2281 for the BPOE Passaic Valley Elks #2111 for an Off-Premise 50/50 to be held on January 13, 2023. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Councilman D'Angelo, seconded by Councilwoman Andriani that the meeting be adjourned. On roll call vote, all members of the Council present voted in the affirmative.

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Joseph Wassel, RMC  
Municipal Clerk